

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the top of page 1 as follows:

~~This is a Continuation of National Application No. 08/786,046 filed January 21, 1997.~~

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/786,046, titled "Method for Securely Using Digital Signatures in a Commercial Cryptographic System," filed January 21, 1997 (now abandoned), which was a continuation application of International Patent Application No. PCT/US95/09076, titled "Method for Securely Using Digital Signatures in a Commercial Cryptographic System," filed July 19, 1995 and which designated the United States and was published in English (now abandoned), which was a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/277,438, titled "Method for Securely Using Digital Signatures in a Commercial Cryptographic System," filed July 19, 1994 (now abandoned).